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NOTICE

is hereby given that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 35 and 36, Queen's Road Central, THIS DAY (THURSDAY), the 28th day of December, 1899, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to 28th instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. 3103

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

DILIGENTIA LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the FARM MASON'S HALL, TO-DAY (THURSDAY), the 28th inst., at 5 for 5.30 P.M., proposed. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. 3234

CITY HALL
A GRAND BOXING CONTEST

IN AID OF THE

TRANSVAAL WAR FUND

With the kind approval of

His Excellency the GOVERNOR
Sir HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, G.C.M.G.

I BEG to inform the Public of Hongkong that the Royal Navy has thrown the challenge to the Royal Army for the Heavy, Medium and Light Guards of Hongkong.

The programme will consist of Heavy weight, one Manilla weight, and one Light weight contest for the championship of the Far East.

This boxing contest will be one of the grandest and greatest contests ever exhibited in the Far East. The challenge purse will be a Gold Medal with a side stake of Five hundred Dollars (\$500). The prizes will be presented by the Royal Guards after the contest. This contest will be a display of the valour and endurance of the Guards. The Heavy weight band will also be in attendance and this contest will be entirely under new management.

The contest will be on Saturday, the 3rd, 1900, so the people shall be in perfect condition. We hope that the public of Hongkong will not forget to patronise this grand contest, which is on January 3rd, 1900.

Reserved Seats can be had at the ROBINSON

Plaza Co.

E. HORWITZ.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. 3235

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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V. I. REMEDIOS,
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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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THE Company's Steamship

"HAICHING."

Captain Davis will be despatched for the above ports TO-BAY, the 28th inst., at noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS, LAFRAIK & CO., General Managers.

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Captain Davis will be despatched for the above ports on or about SUNDAY, the 31st instant.

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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1899. 3239

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"COWRIE."

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MARRIAGE.

On the 22nd December, 1893, at the Synagogue, Poh El Shalom, by the Rev. J. Sudlow, DAVID, son of M. GOLDWYN, of Japan, to CLARA, eldest daughter of Alexander SCHENKEL of Odessa (Russia).

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, December 26th, 1893.

WILL China, or rather will the Chinese officials, ever learn? We few, not, and have little doubt, but that after a perusal of the translation of a proclamation recently posted at Wuchow which we published elsewhere our readers will be of the same opinion. Notwithstanding all previous experiences the love of granting what, if not direct monopolies, are intended to be used as such, seems to be ingrained in the Chinese nature. The highest power in the state has, after pressure on the part of the British Minister, declared the waters of China open to all steamers foreign and native. The Chinese officials have had the idea explained to them over and over again, or as Sir Robert Hart put it, "there has been much consultation and much passing and repassing of draft rules for consideration," and yet we find such a proclamation issued by the very officials who are the cause of the "much passing and repassing." Nay, even more! The very official whose name appears in the proclamation is the present head of the lekin at Wuchow and is one of the men appointed by the Governor at Kweilin to control and work the inland water steam traffic. One of his first acts is apparently to grant a monopoly of steam tows between Wuchow and Canton to the Shun On Company. We say apparently, as the proclamation does not state that there is to be any monopoly, but the one issued by the Company distinctly conveys that meaning, and it is to be supposed that they know what it is they have got, and doubtless paid for. From enquires we have made the official in question is not anti-foreign, nor in a measure anti-progressive, so that it is rather a pity he has mixed himself up in anything of the sort. The idea originated, we believe, from Canton and bears Kwei-lin's name. Of course the thing is absurd and will not affect the course of trade much, but it is a sample of the sort of thing that goes on and will go on as long as we maintain the fiction that the Chinese Government should be dealt with as a reasonable and civilized concern. The absence of a definite policy on the part of our Government with regard to China is the chief cause why our Minister and Consuls are forced to go over grudgingly, writing, and re-writing despatches to members of a Government who have but one aim and object, and that is, to stave off the foreigner with ambiguous phrases.

How long, we ask, is this state of things to be allowed to go on? It is not as if it were a difficult matter to deal with. The action our Government should take is quite plain to everyone. Take, for instance, the lekin swindle which is being organized at Canton now as the result of KANG YI's visit.

The effect this is having on, and must have on, trade is most disastrous. No Chinese merchant is going to import goods with the uncertainty of this lekin tariff hanging over his head. Only the other day we pointed out the steps to be taken to stop this kind of thing, and we now repeat it. The I.M. Customs must be placed in charge of all vessels at Canton and the Kowloon and Lappa stations, etc. The Treaty Tariff and no other must be levied on the goods carried in them, and transit passes granted. Our Minister, working in conjunction with H.E. the Governor, should represent the necessity of this being done at once to the Foreign and Colonial Office and point out the necessary steps to have it result carried out. Failing concessions the result of reasoning the Taungli Yamen should be plainly told that force will be used. The latter part of this is no doubt more especially the work of the British Minister at Peking, but our local officials need not be idle. Let a Committee of representative men of the Colony be appointed to enquire into the working of the Native Custom Houses and let a report be compiled by them of the taxation which foreign goods are subjected to, not only at the Kowloon and Lappa stations but at Canton and beyond. Without instructions the Commissioners at those places will of course not furnish evidence, but those instructions must be forthcoming, and it will be one of Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD's duties to see that they are forthcoming.

It is only in this way that the coming Tariff revision can be met with the necessary knowledge which will enable the Government of this Colony to express the views of the public in such a way that the Prime Minister may be correctly informed as to their requirements. It is perhaps the more necessary from the fact that the Colony being part of the British Empire the resident merchants and officials are not intimately acquainted with the shifts and wiles of the lekin Administration. Many of the merchants, having resided in China, are, so to some extent, and all of them feel, in their business relations with China the evil result of the corrupt Native Administration, but they have neither the time nor inclination in their individual capacities to ferret out the rights and wrongs of such a complicated thing as the lekin. That is a task which can only be accomplished by a Committee such as we suggest and armed with the full authority of the Government. The Government need no protest for the appointment of such a Commission other than is given by the Hongkong Optium Convention, the sixth clause of which provides amongst other things that the Governor of Hongkong shall be free to send an officer to be present and assist at the investigation of cause of complaint against the Native Customs House; but were no such Convention in existence the Government would be amply justified in doing it on grounds which existed previous to any and all conventions—the question of right against wrong.

There were four cases of plague last week, all fatal.

H. M. S. Centurion was to have Singapore on the 19th inst. for Labuan.

There were 1,736 visitors to the City Hall Museum last week, when 193 were Europeans.

We have to acknowledge receipt of a blotter from the Transatlantic Fire Insurance Company, and calendar from the Sun Fire Office, London, and the Phoenix Assurance Co. of London.

A grand boxing contest, in aid of the Transatlantic Fire Fund, under the patronage of H.E. the Governor, is to be given in the City Hall on the 3rd January. Particulars will be found in our advertisement columns.

At the offices of the Public Works Department yesterday afternoon Kowloon Island lot No. 496, situated at Mongkok, Tsim, was sold for £1,000, but this figure was considerably exceeded. Mr. W. Wan-chen being the purchaser for £3,600. The annual rent is \$44.

We are informed by Messrs. John H. Humphreys and Son, General Managers of Oliver Freshfield Mines, Limited, that they have received a telegram from the mines giving the result of this month's crushing as follows:—463 tons of quartz crushed for a yield of 39% ounces retorted gold, mill run 20%.

We regret to hear of the death of Mr. John Andrew Clark, navigation instructor, a good and well-known and greatly respected marine engineer. Mr. Clark, who had been in China for over 30 years, had been serving for some time, and died at the Government Civil Hospital on Tuesday of appendicitis at the age of 55 years. The funeral took place yesterday.

Telegrams were received at Shanghai on the 23rd inst. from Peking stating that H.E. Li Hung-chang would probably leave the capital on the 23rd or 24th inst. for Canton. The steamer to be engaged for his new post at Canton had two audiences of the Empress Dowager since his appointment of acting Governor of the Two Kwang provinces on the 18th instant.

From the report of the meeting of the Ewe Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Limited, reprinted in another column, it will be seen that the Chairman suggests that the Chinese Government should throw over free trade and give protection to the local manufacturers competing against imports from England, India, etc. Thus is British trade promoted by British manufacturers in China and the "open" door maintained.

The following powerful combination will represent the civilians in the Patriotic football match in aid of the South African Fund which is to take place next Saturday—F. H. Keay, F. H. Lowe, W. Dyer, J. E. Pritchett, G. Wilson, and W. H. Howard, have agreed to form a team for the Ewe Company. The Military team will be composed of some of the most brilliant players in the colony. A closely contested and interesting struggle is expected. Booking for the reserved seats is proceeding apace at Messrs. Kelly and Walsh's.

GOLE.

NAVY v. OLIVE.

Played at Happy Valley on the 25th December.

NAVY Scores—

CLUB Scores—

Mackenzie Grove 5 up 5 down

Locke 5 up 5 down

Cochran 8 down 8 up

Field 0 0

Hastings 2 up 2 down

Hall 4 down 4 up

Whitelegge 0 0

Forbes 11 up 11 down

Medley 3 up 3 down

Leake 28 up 12 down

28 down

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16 up

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

London, 23rd December.

A COAL-FAMINE IMMINENT.

A coal famine is imminent in the North of England.

Stocks are presently depleted and colliers owing to the calling out of the Militia.

THE SUPERIORITY OF THE BOER GUNS.

MOUNTED TROOPS WANTED.

Mail accounts from Natal dictate upon the superiority of the Boer guns and the necessity of mounted troops.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

London, 25th December.

DEATHS AT LADYSMITH.

An official despatch from Ladysmith dated 23rd inst. states that five deaths had occurred from disease.

KURUMAN STILL HOLDING OUT.

KURUMAN is still held by a small force of police in spite of renewed exertions of the Boers.

MOVING THE CAPITAL OF THE FREE STATE.

The Free States are credited with the intention of transferring the seat of Government to Winburg, Bloemfontein being undefended and indefensible.

GENERAL BULLER'S FORCE MOVES SOUTH.

The British Camp at Chieveley has moved a few miles further South to obtain a better water supply and also to escape shelling by Boer guns from the hills to the left.

MORE FIGHTING AT LADYSMITH.

Sharp fighting was heard on the 15th inst. under the direction of Ladysmith.

INFERIORITY OF THE BRITISH ARTILLERY.

A letter from the Standard correspondent at Ladysmith insists emphatically on the utter inferiority of the British field artillery, which never gets within range of the French and German guns.

"VOLUNTEER GAZETTE" SERVICE.

London, 26th December.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND THE WAR.

The Duke of Connaught has renewed his application to go to the front and has obtained the consent of General Roberts to join his staff, but the Government has not approved.

BOER ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE OF TUGELA.

A Boer account of the battle of Tugela gives their losses as thirty killed and wounded.

Col. Viljoen (French) and Col. Braan (German), who were present, declare that European armies could not have done better.

BOER SPIES.

Both General Methuen and General Gatacre have ordered severe measures to exclude Boer spies from the vicinity of the camp.

THE LOSS OF GUNS AT TUGELA.

Boiled despatches show that the Artillery fought at Tugela for two hours exposed to a withering fire and only abandoned the guns when the ammunition was exhausted and most of the officers had fallen.

The Boer defences at Tugela were most scientific and even the drifts were filled with submerged barbed wire.

THE PATRIOTIC FOOTBALL MATCH.

LONDON, 26th December.

OUR FIELD OF BATTLE.

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GENERAL BULLER'S LEICESTER SPEECH.

London, November 30th.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, in a speech at a luncheon at Leicester to day, said that ever since the great split in the Liberal party he had found himself a marked contrast to the moderate speeches and statesmanlike references to the Transvaal received the warmest commendation from all sections of the British press, though about forty firms have announced that they have withdrawn their exhibits from the Paris Exposition on account of French cant.

THE PETIT PARISIEN.

The "Petit Parisien" believes that Mr. Chamberlain tried to "throw dust in the eyes of the British public" in order to avoid attention being attracted to the details in South Africa.

The Colonial Secretary has offered up a hornet's nest.

In marked contrast to his line of action is that of M. Delcasse, whose moderate speeches and statesmanlike references to the Transvaal receive the warmest commendation from all sections of the British press, though about forty firms have announced that they have withdrawn their exhibits from the Paris Exposition on account of French cant.

GENERAL GATES.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES
YUAMI MARU	MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 23rd December, at 4 P.M.
J. Thom		
AWA MARU	MARSEILLE, LONDON AND ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, AND PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 20th December, at NOON.
N. Tsuchi		
INABA MARU	MARSEILLE, LONDON AND ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, AND PORT SAID	SUNDAY, 14th January.
W. Bainbridge		

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For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailing, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1890.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
MARSEILLE AND SOUTHERN	4 P.M., 28th Dec.	FREIGHT	
London	T. H. H. H. R. N. C.		
LONDON, &c.	Noon, Jan. 1900	See Special Advertisement.	
BRASILIA	About 6th	FREIGHT OR PASSENGER.	
YOKOHAMA VIA NAZARETA	About 6th	FREIGHT OR PASSENGER.	
GASAKI AND KOBE	C. C. Talbot, R. N. C.	JAN. 1900	

For further particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1890.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.
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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
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STEAMERS.	DESTINATION.	SAILING DATES.
AMERICA	HARVEY & HAMBURG	On 12th Freight.
• C. S. ARNOLD	(London with transhipment in Hamburg)	1st and 2nd January.
Capt. Fuchs	HARVEY & HAMBURG	Passage.
• C. S. SILESSIA	(London with transhipment in Hamburg)	About 31st Freight and Passage.
Capt. Bahns	MARSCHULLES HARVEY & HAMBURG	January.
• C. S. WITTNERBERG	(London with transhipment in Hamburg)	About 5th Freight.
Capt. Maser	HARVEY & HAMBURG	February.
• C. S. HOISATIA	(London with transhipment in Hamburg)	About 16th Freight.
Capt. Babilo	HARVEY & HAMBURG	February.
• These steamers have superior accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and Stewards.		
Stewards		
For further particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to		
CARLOWITZ & CO., AGENTS.		

Hongkong, 16th December, 1890.

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STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE. N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	WEDNESDAY	SAILING DATES.
KARLSRUHE	10th January.	
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY	
OLDBUEN	7th February.	
RAEBURG	WEDNESDAY	
STUTTGART	7th March.	
KONG ALBERT	WEDNESDAY	
WEIMAR	4th April.	
HAMBURG (Hamburg Amerika Linie)	WEDNESDAY	
PRINZ HEINRICH	18th May.	
	WEDNESDAY	30th May.

On WEDNESDAY, the 10th day of January, 1890, at NOON, the Steamship "PREUSSEN" of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain R. HESINPE, with MAIls, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG, AND THE PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIc PORTS;

Shipping Orders will be received till NOON on MONDAY, the 8th January, and Parcels Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 9th January, and will be sent to the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 9th January.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcels Receipts will be issued for less than \$5.00 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewards.

Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1890.

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EMPEROR OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 17th Jan. 1890
EMPEROR OF INDIA...Comr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 14th Feb. 1890
EMPEROR OF JAPAN...Comdr. G. A. Lee, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 14th Mar. 1890

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D. R. BROWN, General Agent.

Pedder Street

Hongkong, 1st December, 1890.

VESSELS ADVISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & BIG.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON &c. VIA SUEZ CANAL	Diamond	A. Symons, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 6th Jan. at Noon.	
LONDON &c. VIA SUEZ CANAL	Antenor	Jackson	Bardfield & Swire	On 3rd Jan.	
LONDON &c. VIA SUEZ CANAL	Cowrie	Davis	Archbold, Kirking & Co.	On or about 21st Jan.	
LONDON &c. VIA SUEZ CANAL	Marsailles & Co.	Deane	To-day at 4 P.M.	On 1st Jan. at Noon.	
MARSEILLES & LONDON	Scotia	Schmitz	Messageries Maritimes	On 14th Jan.	
MARSEILLES & LONDON	St. Maire	W. Bainbridge	Nippon Yusei Kaisha	On or about 31st Jan.	
MARSEILLES & LONDON	St. Maire	N. Treadt	Nippon Yusei Kaisha	On 10th Jan. at Noon.	
MARSEILLES & LONDON	St. Maire	Borrows	Cardwell & Co.	On or about 17th Jan.	
MARSEILLES & LONDON	St. Maire	H. Hoeks	Melchers & Co.	On 12th Jan.	
MARSEILLES & LONDON	St. Maire	Hoeks	Archbold, Kirking & Co.	On or about 22nd Jan.	
MARSEILLES & LONDON	St. Maire	Hoeks	Cardeilis & Co.	On or about 5th Feb.	
MARSEILLES & LONDON	St. Maire	Hoeks	Cardeilis & Co.	On or about 10th Feb.	
MARSEILLES & LONDON	St. Maire	Hoeks	Archbold, Kirking & Co.	On 17th Jan.	
MARSEILLES & LONDON	St. Maire	Hoeks	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	On 27th Jan.	
MARSEILLES & LONDON	St. Maire	Hoeks	Dodwell & Co. Limited.	On 10th Feb. at Noon.	
MARSEILLES & LONDON	St. Maire	Hoeks	Dodwell & Co. Limited.	On 20th Feb. at Noon.	
MARSEILLES & LONDON	St. Maire	Hoeks	Pacific Mail S. Co.	On 25th Jan. at Noon.	
MARSEILLES & LONDON	St. Maire	Hoeks	O. & S. N. Co.	On 30th Jan.	
MARSEILLES & LONDON	St. Maire	Hoeks	Nippon Yusei Kaisha	On 1st Jan. at Noon.	
MARSEILLES & LONDON	St. Maire	Hoeks	Cardwell & Co.	On 12th Jan. at Noon.	
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MARSEILLES & LONDON	St. Maire	Hoeks	Pacific Mail S. Co.	On 30th Mar.	
MARSEILLES & LONDON	St. Maire	Hoeks	O. & S. N. Co.	On 1st Apr.	
MARSEILLES & LONDON	St. Maire	Hoeks	Nippon Yusei Kaisha	On 6th Apr.	
MARSEILLES & LONDON	St. Maire	Hoeks	Cardwell & Co.	On 17th Apr.	
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MARSEILLES & LONDON	St. Maire	Hoeks	Archbold, Kirking & Co.	On 1st May.	
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SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

"SAILORS' AND SOLDIERS' FAMILIES' FUND."
The undersigned begs to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following subscriptions to the above Fund.

T. JACKSON.

Hon. Treasurer.

Further subscriptions will be thankfully received.

Already acknowledged	... \$71,633.22
G. Stewart, further subscription	... 130
Harry D. Jones	... 25
Foochow subscriptions	... 100
G. M. H. Playfair	... 60
W. P. Galton	... 50
W. Knight	... 50
W. Lay	... 50
W. Graham	... 50
H. Baker	... 50
A. P. Simpson	... 50
E. J. Moss	... 50
A. Walkingshaw	... 50
R. Greig	... 50
E. J. Rentsch	... 50
M. W. Greig	... 50
W. H. Wallace	... 50
J. J. Underwood	... 50
M. Holdt	... 50
G. Balloch	... 50
"A friend"	... 41.75
W. Thorn (supplementary)	... 25
G. H. Black	... 25
"Help"	... 25
C. A. McCallum	... 25
Brockett & Co.	... 20
E. T. C. Werner	... 20
R. Lowe	... 20
G. H. Black	... 20
W. Thorn	... 20
J. W. Odell	... 20
G. L. Greig	... 20
J. Hulding	... 20
E. Stevens	... 10
J. Shiel	... 10
F. E. Jackson	... 10
S. S. Shaw	... 5
J. McGregor (Pagoda)	... 5
"A friend"	... 5
C. Gray	... 5
Subscriptions from Swatow	—
Bradley & Co.	250
Lin Yim Song & Co.	100
E. H. Fraser	50
Stuart Smith	50
Henry Layng	50
Tau Thien Chai	50
Kee Thieh Yen	50
Low Cheung Yen	30
W. G. Lay	25
A. Lyall	25
V. S. Savage	25
John C. Gibson	25
A. Macgowan	20
D. Macdaffie	50
P. J. Macdaffie	20
H. L. Macdonald	15
G. Williams	10
A. Bryson	10
E. B. Howell	15
Victor Lanning	10
H. Frewin	10
Skyo Pang	10
S. J. Grainger	10
M. Flaherty	10
S. Bwan Amy	10
A. Holt	10
T. M. O'Sullivan	10
John M. Daziel	10
F. H. Caulfe	5
W. Perry	5
James A. Tipp	9
J. Brian	5
John Holdsworth	5
L. A. Pearce	5
Wm. C. D'Hardy	5
S. Forrester	5
Koh Chau Wing	5
Koh Paung Boon	5
Voi Peng Yeam	5
Low Ah Cheor	5
Hsu Yuan-yuan	5
"Incongru"	10
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NEWS VIA CANADA.

JOUBERT'S SUITE OF SUCCESS.

Berlin, 27th November.

General Joubert, Commander-in-Chief of the Boer forces, writing to a friend in Magdeburg, says: "It is no vanity on my part to assert that we will triumph: We are prepared for the War. We knew it was inevitable. The War will probably last a year, but I am convinced the blood spilled will never be upon the heads of our children."

THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE BOER GENERALS.

Berlin, 28th November.

The *Deutsche Zeitung* publishes the following despatch dated Pretoria, November 27th received through Boer diplomatic channels:

President Kruger and President Steyn have instructed General Joubert and General Cronje not to split their forces into small detachments, but to strike vigorous blows. General Joubert has three corps, one holding Ladysmith, the second commanding the Tugela River and the third east of Estcourt, in order to cut off the British retreat. General Cronje's forces are divided into three contingents, one at Kimberley, another at Modder River and the third in the rear of General Methone.

JOUBERT'S PROTEST.

Paris, 28th November.

A copy of an alleged protest, addressed by the authorities of the South African Republic to the foreign consuls at Pretoria, against the use of Kafrs by the British has just reached Paris. It reads as follows: "I have the honour to call your Government's attention to the report announcing the engagement last night (October 18th) between a commando and the English near Mafeking, the English having 1,000 Kafr auxiliaries, one of whom was wounded and a prisoner; this information and other reports coming in from the east frontier, where the Kafrs have been called to arms by the English authorities.

This shows that the British Government commits the unpardonable crime of arming the blacks against the whites in a struggle unjustly forced on the South African Republic. This act may have the gravest consequences for all white Africa."

I am commanded to inform your Government that the further document enclosed is General Joubert's protest to Secretary Krantz, at Pretoria, under six heads, as follows:

First.—That the British at Elandsbaag fired on an ambulance.

Second.—That a British Lancer attempted to assassinate a doctor wearing the Geneva Cross, missing the surgeon, but killing his horse.

Third.—The tying of 13 prisoners, some of them wounded, behind Maxim and dragging them along.

Fourth.—That at Dundee the fugitives retired under cover of a white flag, while the main body was fighting the Orange Free State Corps.

Fifth.—That an armored train, protected by a white flag, repaired a bridge.

Sixth.—That the British are recruiting Mountain Basutos.

General Joubert appends a document seized among an officer's effects at Dundee. The paper is a communication from a Basuto and Magistrate, informing the General commanding the Glencoe camp that there will be no difficulty in hiring 1,000 to 5,000 shillings a day, and saying they must bring their horses."

General Joubert adds: "I am preserving the original of this document."

At the beginning of hostilities, the French consul at Pretoria and Johannesburg issued notices in the papers that Frenchmen must observe the strictest neutrality. Their wives, consorts were followed, for while the Germans, Dutch and Americans formed volunteer corps, no French corps was formed. No Frenchman joined the Boers, but some entered the International Police Force, which was organised to protect French property. These police rendered great service, protecting not only the French, but the English property that had been hurriedly forsaken by its owners.

GENERAL DONATIONS TO THE RELIEF FUND.

London, 28th November.

Sir Thomas Lipton, in view of the fact that his steam-yacht, *Erla*, cannot be utilised by the Government as a hospital ship, has sent £10,000 to the Princess of Wales, to be used at her discretion for the benefit of the soldiers and sailors. The Executive Committee of the American Hospital Ship Fund has received an anonymous gift of £5,000 from the United States, together with a promise of as much more if it should be needed.

SATISFACTION AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, 2nd December.

The news that the Canadians have been sent to the front was well received here. There was some apprehension caused by the recent story circulated by a Toronto newspaper that they might be sent to do garrison duty, as this would be generally regretted.

THE DRUCE CASE.

London, 2nd December.

The appeal of Mrs. Anna Maria Druce, who claims to be a daughter-in-law of the fifth Duke of Portland, against the decision prohibiting the opening of the Druce vault in Highgate Cemetery, unless the owner of the grave consents to have the coffin opened, has been dismissed, no one appearing in support of the reference.

TO SAVE PARNELL'S HOME.

New York, 2nd December.

Mr. Daniel Tallon, Lord Mayor of Dublin, his Secretary, Mr. Thomas Keeney, and Mr. John E. Redmond, the Irish member of Parliament for Waterford, sailed for home to-day on the Cunard Line steamship *Campania*. They took back with them about \$30,000 in American money, which will be used in saving Parnell's house, and in erecting a monument to him in Dublin. A large party accompanied them from their hotel to bid them good-bye at the pier.

VICTORIAN MINISTRY BEATEN.

Melbourne, 1st December.

After an all-night session of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, the Ministry of Sir George Turner was defeated by 11 votes on a resolution of want of confidence.

A NOTABLE WEDDING.

Paris, 28th November.

The religious marriage of Douglas Walter Campbell, only son of the late Walter Campbell, and grandson of the Duke of Argyll, to Aimee, youngest daughter of Mr. John Lawrence, of New York, was celebrated in this city to-day, in the presence of intimate friends of both families.

THE KAISER'S OBJECTIVE.

London, 29th November.

The Paris correspondent of the *Times* telegraphed the substance of an interview he had with a distinguished German, who went to England to observe what was going on during the visit of the Kaiser, and who said: "I do not think that the Emperor went to England purely for political ends, or merely for family reasons. I am almost sure that, without in any way intervening in the Transvaal affair he more than once expressed a wish to see the War brought to a close. I am also persuaded that His Majesty asked many questions as to the present relations between Japan, the United States and Great Britain, and I met in England many who were inclined to detect in this curiosity something more than mere matter of conversation. When the Kaiser's plan for a great German Navy will undergo a complete change. It will then be seen that on many points Germany and England have the same interests, and meet with the same opposition. It will then be understood, perhaps why the Emperor has made such careful enquiry as to the attitude of the United States and Japan in the Far East."

AN ALTERATION OF PLANS.

London, 29th November.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Daily Mail* says: "King Humbert has invited the Emperor William and Queen Victoria to go to Bordighera in April, and both have accepted. The Queen had originally intended to go to Potsdam, but it is possible that this date may be cancelled."

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